

REMARKS

Claims 21-23 have been cancelled without prejudice.

AS TO CLAIM 1, THE COMPOSITION OF CLAIM 1 DOES NOT TEACH OR SUGGEST A COLOUR CARE COMPOSITION COMPRISING A DYE FIXING AGENT AND FROM ABOUT 2% TO ABOUT 90% BY WEIGHT OF A DIVERGENT SALT. CLAIM 1 DOES NOT TEACH OR SUGGEST A COLOUR CARE COMPOSITION COMPRISING A DYE FIXING AGENT AND FROM ABOUT 2% TO ABOUT 90% BY WEIGHT OF A DIVERGENT SALT. CLAIM 1 DOES NOT TEACH OR SUGGEST A COLOUR CARE COMPOSITION COMPRISING A DYE FIXING AGENT AND FROM ABOUT 2% TO ABOUT 90% BY WEIGHT OF A DIVERGENT SALT.

Claims 1, 2, 13, 16-18, 21, and 23-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).

composition comprising a dye fixing agent and from about 2% to about 90% by weight of a divergent salt. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As discussed previously, Baker et al. does not teach or suggest a colour care composition comprising a dye fixing agent and from about 2% to about 90% by weight of a divergent salt.

Claims 14, 19, 20, 22, and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Baker et al., WO 97/47650. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As discussed previously, Baker et al. does not teach or suggest a colour care composition comprising a dye fixing agent and from about 2% to about 90% by weight of a divergent salt.

Applicants submit that Claims 14, 19, 20, 22, and 24 are not anticipated by Baker et al. and are patentable over Baker et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14, 19, 20, and 22-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker et al.. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As discussed previously, Baker et al. does not teach or suggest a colour care composition comprising a dye fixing agent and from about 2% to about 90% by weight of a divergent salt. Applicants thus submit that Claims 14, 19, 20, and 24 are not anticipated by and are patentable over Baker et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration

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